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## HOME (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT

DIRECTION

The 30th March, 2024

NO.4097—EC-CON-EVM-0002/2023 /Elec.— The following direction issued by Election Commission of India, New Delhi is hereby republished in the Extraordinary issue of *Odisha Gazette* for general information.

NIKUNJA BIHARI DHAL

Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha

## ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

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No.576/3/EVM/2024/SDR-Vol.-I

Dated: **20<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

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### DIRECTION

No.576/3/EVM/2024/SDR-Vol.-I:- Whereas, Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, provides that the giving and recording of votes by voting machines in such manner as may be prescribed, may be adopted in such constituency or constituencies as the Election Commission of India may, having regard to the circumstances of each case, specify;

2. Whereas, as per the proviso to Rule 49A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, a printer with a drop box of such design, as may be approved by the Election Commission of India, may also be attached to voting machine for printing a paper trail of the vote, in such

constituency or constituencies or parts thereof as the Election Commission of India may direct;

3. Whereas, the Election Commission has considered the circumstances **in all the Parliamentary Constituencies of Lok Sabha, all the Assembly Constituencies of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha & Sikkim at the current general elections, 2024 and in 26 Assembly Constituencies (as per Annexure-1) in 13 States at the current bye-elections, announced vide the Election Commission's Press Notes No. ECI/PN/23/2024 & ECI/PN/24/2024 both dated 16<sup>th</sup>, March 2024**, and is satisfied that sufficient number of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Printers for printing Paper Trail [Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail(VVPAT)] are available for taking the poll in all the Parliamentary Constituencies and all the Assembly Constituencies of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim and in 26 Assembly Constituencies (as per Annexure-1) of 13 States. The polling personnel are well trained in efficient handling of EVMs and 'VVPAT Printers' and the electors are also fully conversant with the operation of the EVMs and the VVPAT Printers;

4. Now, therefore, the Election Commission of India, in exercise of its powers under the said Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, and Rule 49A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, hereby **specifies all the Parliamentary Constituencies of the Lok Sabha, all the Assembly Constituencies of the legislative assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha & Sikkim at the current General Elections, 2024 and 26 Assembly Constituencies (as per Annexure-1) in 13 states at the current bye-election, as per the schedule announced by the Election Commission on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**, as the constituencies in which the votes, shall be given and recorded by means of EVMs and VVPAT printers in the manner prescribed, under the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, and the supplementary instructions issued by the Election Commission from time to time on the subject.

5. The Election Commission also hereby approves the design of EVMs and VVPAT Printers as developed by the Bharat Electronics Ltd., Bangalore and Electronics Corporation of India Ltd., Hyderabad, which shall be attached to the said machines, to be used for the giving and recording of votes in all the Constituencies.

By Order,  
(S.B.JOSHI)

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

**Annexure-1**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of State</b>	<b>Assembly Constituency No. &amp; Name</b>
1.	<b>Bihar</b>	195-Agiaon(SC)
2.	<b>Gujarat</b>	26 - Vijapur
3.		108 - Khambhat
4.		136 - Vaghodia
5.		85 - Manavadar
6.		83 - Porbandar
7.	<b>Haryana</b>	21-Karnal
8.	<b>Jharkhand</b>	31- Gandey
9.	<b>Maharashtra</b>	30 – Akola West
10.	<b>Tripura</b>	7- Ramnagar
11.	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	136 - Dadraul
12.		173 - Lucknow East
13.		292 - Gainsari
14.		403 – Duddhi (ST)
15.	<b>West Bengal</b>	62-Bhagawangola
16.		113- Baranagar
17.	<b>Telangana</b>	71-Secunderabad Cantt.(SC)
18.	<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	18 - Dharamshala
19.		21 – Lahaul&Spiti (ST)
20.		37 - Sujanpur
21.		39 - Barsar
22.		42 - Gagret
23.		45 - Kotlehar
24.	<b>Rajasthan</b>	165 – Bagidora (ST)
25.	<b>Karnataka</b>	36 – Shorapur (ST)
26.	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	233 - Vilavancode